

# PRESIDENT PRAISES 67TH CONGRESS AND MONDELL'S RECORD

**Says Results Are So Helpful They Will Not Fail to Appeal to People.**

## GIVES LEADER CREDIT

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CITES DEBT REDUCTION

## Shows Tariff Benefits and Says Nation Must Protect Self, Aid Others.

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The White House made public to-  
day a letter that President Harding  
wrote October 11 to Representative

Senate to succeed Senator John B. Kendrick, "in testimony" of his "appreciation of the great public service of the present House of Representatives," and of him "as its majority

Republican leaders here are pleased with the President's action, for they think what he said will help party candidates throughout the nation.

Mr. Harding lauds the work of the

he said, is "notable." "I doubt if any Congress in our history has accomplished so impressive a volume of work, touching so wide a range of national interest," said he.

In an era of worldwide inflation and deflation the United States has come through the worst of it without a financial scratch, actually reduced its war debt and surplus expenses and restored

The Administration has provided a tariff measure that protects American producers, gives the President power to adjust import duties to changing conditions and encourage intimacy and understanding in the "family of nations."

**President's views:**  
"To protect ourselves first and then to use the strength accruing through that policy for the general welfare of mankind is our sincere purpose."

**The President's Letter.**

The letter follows:  
"I am addressing you in testimony of my appreciation of the great public service of the present House of Representatives and of yourself as its majority leader. It is an acknowledgment which I record in this manner with the more

satisfaction because of my warm personal sentiment for yourself as well as my high estimate of your performance in the most trying post under our Government. It has been a pleasure and reassurance to know that your fine resources of patience, sound judgment,

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record is notable. I doubt if any Congress in our history has accomplished so impressive a volume of work touching so wide a range of national interest.

"One must dissent from the too prevalent attitude of Congress that the

government is not proving equal to the strain of these times. The most casual student of history, comparing the legislative record of the reconstruction period following the civil war with that of the period following the world war, must realize that we have gone far toward

process. Whoever will compare the turbulent period of legislative and political history from the close of the civil war to the end of President Hayes's Administration with the record made since the enactment, four years ago, must

agree with this judgment. He will find in the earlier period such convulsions as marked the impeachment of one President, an embittered national election contest and a prevalent conflict between legislative and executive branches. Contrasted with that showing

Sixty-seventh Congress has addressed itself to its huge task ought to inspire us with the conviction that conditions nowadays are met quite as fortunately as may be expected.

**Many Turn to Us for Help.**

"Moreover, civil war reconstruction was simpler than that reconstruction we are now carrying on, because following the civil war it was possible for our country to lean upon the financial and economic strength of other countries which had not suffered by the struggle.

upon which others would lean. Then, we could turn for help to many others who were able to give it, now we find not a few of them turning to us for help.

"If it be urged that we cannot fairly compare the conditions of one generation with those of another, then let there

be a comparison of the progress which our country has been making since the armistice with that of any other major belligerent in the world war. It must be agreed that we have come through this trying epoch with less of distress and disaster than many others of the great Powers.

"So, whether the comparison is made with our own experience in after war reconstruction a generation ago, or with the experiences of other nations in the years since the world war, it is clear that we have been most fortunate. The Sixty-seventh Congress must be award-

"The two Congresses serving since the restoration of peace have seen a worldwide inflation and deflation. Our econ-